

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3591**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Pseudoephedrine		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3591 amends Section 44-53-270 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by classifying pseudoephedrine as a Schedule V controlled substance; however, liquid or gel formulations are excluded from this classification. The Bill allows only licensed pharmacists or licensed pharmacy technicians to sell or distribute Schedule V pseudoephedrine and requires purchasers to present photo identification. The Bill limits the purchase of pseudoephedrine to 9 grams within a 30 day period. The Bill also authorizes the Department of Health & Environmental Control to exempt other products from Schedule V provided they are not used in the illegal manufacture of dangerous substances such as methamphetamine.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control reports that there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and / or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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